

**Table 6.** Reference-based thresholds used to score each metric included in the stream salamander indices of biotic integrity (SS-IBIs).

Metric	Scoring Criteria		
	0	5	10
Piedmont SS-IBI			
Number of species	<1	1-2	>2
Number of salamanders	<11	11-21	>21
Number of intolerant salamanders	<1	1-4	>4
Number of adult salamanders	<4	4-8	>8
Highlands SS-IBI			
Number of species	<3	3-4	>4
Number of salamanders	<10	10-19	>19
Number of intolerant salamanders	<5	5-11	>11
Number of adult salamanders	<5	5-14	>14
Non-Coastal Plain SS-IBI			
Number of species	<2	2-3	>3
Number of salamanders	<10	10-20	>20
Number of intolerant salamanders	<1	1-9	>9
Number of adult salamanders	<4	4-11	>11